

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

HOTEL 1000, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company,) No.
Plaintiff,) COMPLAINT
vs.) **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**
MARKET PLACE CENTER, LTD., a Washington corporation,)
Defendant.)

Plaintiff Hotel 1000, LLC (“Hotel 1000”), by and through the undersigned attorneys, alleges for its Complaint against Market Place Center, Ltd. (“Market Place”), as follows:

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff Hotel 1000 is a Delaware limited liability company. Its principal place of business is in Seattle, Washington. It owns the Hotel 1000 hotel located at 1000 First Avenue in Seattle, Washington. It has satisfied all prerequisites to bringing suit.

2. Defendant Market Place is a Washington corporation. Its principal place of business is in Seattle, Washington. On information and belief, Market Place owns the Inn at the Market hotel, located at 86 Pine Street in Seattle, Washington.

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JURISDICTION/VENUE

3. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) and (b), and 28 U.S.C. § 1331. The Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the state law claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1337(a) because such claims are so related to claims in the action within the Court's original jurisdiction that they form part of the same case or controversy under Article III of the United States Constitution.

4. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1331(a) and (b). Market Place is located within this District. Market Place regularly conducts business in this District and a substantial part of the events giving rise to these claims occurred in this District.

FACTS

5. Hotel 1000 owns the HOTEL 1000 trademark, which its predecessor and it have used continually in connection with hotel, bar, and restaurant and related services since June 26, 2006.

6. On April 17, 2007, Hotel 1000's predecessor, 1000 First Ave. Properties, LLC, obtained a federal registration for the HOTEL 1000 trademark (Reg. No. 3231570) in International Class 43 for "hotel services for preferred customers; hotel, bar and restaurant services; hotels; providing banquet and social function facilities for special occasions; providing conference rooms; providing temporary accommodation; provision of conference facilities; provision of conference, exhibition and meeting facilities; rental of rooms." A true and correct copy of its registration certificate is attached hereto as Exhibit A. On April 19, 2010, 1000 First Ave. Properties, LLC, assigned its registration to Hotel 1000, *nunc pro tunc*. A true and correct copy of the assignment recorded with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

7. Hotel 1000 has sold services under its HOTEL 1000 trademark to thousands of guests residing throughout the world. It has invested substantial sums of time, money, and effort

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to develop, use, advertise, and promote its trademark and associated goodwill. As a result, the HOTEL 1000 mark has become an integral and indispensable part of Hotel 1000's business.

8. On information and belief, the Citysearch and Yahoo! websites, located at www.citysearch.com and www.yahoo.com, respectively, provide search engines through which consumers can search for, among other things, websites offering goods and services. When a user inputs search terms, the Citysearch and Yahoo! search engines compare the terms used with their databases of websites and generate a list of sites matching those terms. Citysearch and Yahoo! also sell the opportunity to have advertisements appear in a user's search results. Those advertisements appear as "Sponsored Results."

9. On information and belief, Market Place purchases keywords from Citysearch and Yahoo!.

10. On further information and belief, Market Place has purchased Hotel 1000's "HOTEL 1000" registered trademark as one such keyword. Consequently, when a user inputs "Hotel 1000" into the Citysearch and Yahoo! search engines, the search engines return results that include links to the Inn at the Market as a part of their "Sponsored Results." A copy of these search results is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

11. Moreover, both search results suggest that the hyperlinks provided in connection with “Hotel 1000” will direct users to Hotel 1000’s website, when the links actually direct users to the Inn at the Market’s website. For example, a search for “Hotel 1000” in both search engines trigger “Sponsored Results” that state:

Hotel 1000

Official Site: Boutique Hotel in Pike Place Market Downtown Seattle
www.innatthemarket.com.

On the Citysearch site, clicking on the “Hotel 1000” and “www.inatthemarket.com” text directs users to Inn at the Market’s website. On the Yahoo! site, the only available hyperlink is associated with the “Hotel 1000” text, which directs users to the Inn at the Market’s website.

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1 Obviously, the Inn at the Market's website is not Hotel 1000's "Official Site"
 2 (www.hotel1000Seattle.com), as the "Sponsored Results" wrongly suggest.

3 **CAUSES OF ACTION**

4 **Claim 1 – Federal Trademark Infringement**
 5 (15 U.S.C. § 1114)

6 12. Hotel 1000 re-states the allegations set forth above.

7 13. Hotel 1000 owns and has used its federally-registered HOTEL 1000 trademark in
 connection with the services described in its registration.

8 14. Market Place does not own any rights in HOTEL 1000.

9 15. Hotel 1000 has never consented to Market Place's use of its federally-registered
 trademark.

10 16. By nonetheless purchasing and using Hotel 1000's federally-registered trademark
 11 as a keyword with Citysearch and Yahoo! to trigger advertisements and links to the Inn at the
 12 Market, Market Place is likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive consumers
 13 that are searching for Hotel 1000's website.

14 17. Market Place's use of the words "Hotel 1000" and "Official Site" in connection
 15 with links to the Inn at the Market's website also is likely to confuse consumers that are
 16 searching for Hotel 1000's website.

17 18. Market Place's use of Hotel 1000's federally-registered trademark in the
 18 advertisements described above is likely to divert customers away from Hotel 1000.

19 19. Market Place's use of Hotel 1000's federally-registered trademark in commerce
 20 on or in connection with Market Place's services, has caused and is likely to continue to cause
 21 confusion, mistake, and deception among consumers and the public as to the source, origin,
 22 sponsorship, affiliation, and/or quality of Market Place's services, thereby causing loss, damage,
 23 and injury to Hotel 1000 and to the purchasing public. Market Place knew, or in the exercise of
 24 reasonable care, should have known that its conduct was likely to mislead the public.

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20. On information and belief, Market Place's violations of Hotel 1000's federally-registered trademark has been knowing, deliberate, willful, intended to cause mistake and to deceive, and in disregard of Hotel 1000's rights.

21. As a direct and proximate result of Market Place's violations of Hotel 1000's federally-registered trademark, Hotel 1000 has suffered damages in an amount to be proven at trial. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117, Hotel 1000 is further entitled to infringer's profits, exemplary damages, and attorney's fees and costs.

22. Hotel 1000 has no adequate remedy at law to redress the damage that Market Place's trademark infringement will continue to cause. Under 15 U.S.C. § 1116, it is entitled to an injunction enjoining Market Place's use of its trademark as well as confusingly similar trademarks.

Claim 2 – False Designation of Origin
(15 U.S.C. § 1125(a))

23. Hotel 1000 re-states the allegations set forth above.

24. Market Place's acts described above are likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive consumers as to the affiliation, connection, or association of Hotel 1000 with Market Place or the Inn at the Market, or as to the origin, sponsorship, or approval of Market Place's goods, services, or commercial activities by Hotel 1000, and such acts are likely to confuse or mislead the public into believing that Hotel 1000 is the source or sponsor of Market Place's goods and services. Such likely confusion will cause Hotel 1000 to lose customers and business due to this likely consumer confusion intentionally or negligently caused by Market Place, thereby causing loss, damage, and injury to Hotel 1000 and the purchasing public. Market Place knew, or by the exercise of reasonable care should have known, that its conduct was likely to so mislead the public.

25. Because Market Place's advertisements are likely to confuse Hotel 1000's business and website with Market Place's illegitimate use of the HOTEL 1000 trademark. Hotel

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1 1000's customers and prospective customers are likely to visit the Inn at the Market website
 2 when looking for Hotel 1000's website and services.

3 26. Market Place's acts described above constitute false designation of origin, false
 4 advertising, and unfair competition pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a).

5 27. Under 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a), Hotel 1000 is entitled to actual damages, exemplary
 6 damages, and infringer's profits in an amount to be proven at trial.

7 28. Hotel 1000 has no adequate remedy at law to redress the damage that Market
 8 Place's wrongful acts will continue to cause. Under 15 U.S.C. § 1116, it is entitled to an
 9 injunction enjoining Market Place's use of its trademark as well as confusingly similar
 10 trademarks.

11 **Claim 3 – Violation of the Washington Consumer Protection Act**
 12 **(RCW 19.86)**

13 29. Hotel 1000 re-states the allegations set forth above.

14 30. Market Place's acts described above constitute unfair and deceptive acts, as those
 15 words are used in RCW 19.86.020.

16 31. Market Place's unfair and deceptive acts occur in trade or commerce and have
 17 caused injury to Hotel 1000 and its business.

18 32. Because Market Place continues to advertise, market, offer for sale, and sell hotel
 19 services to the general public in connection with its misleading advertisements described above,
 20 its unfair and deceptive acts affect the public interest.

21 33. Market Place's unfair and deceptive acts have damaged Hotel 1000 in an amount
 22 to be proven at trial, including its costs of suit, reasonable attorney's fees, and exemplary
 23 damages as authorized by RCW 19.86.090.

24 34. Hotel 1000 has no adequate remedy at law to redress the damage that Market
 25 Place's wrongful acts will continue to cause. Therefore, it is entitled to an injunction enjoining
 26 Market Place's use of its trademark as well as confusingly similar trademarks.

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Claim 4 – Common Law Unfair Competition

35. Hotel 1000 re-states the allegations set forth above.

36. In using Hotel 1000's trademark, Market Place has engaged and continues to engage in unfair competition in violation of Hotel 1000's common law rights, including by causing confusion, mistake, and deception among consumers and the public as to the source, origin, sponsorship, affiliation, and/or quality of Market Place's goods and/or services.

37. Market Place's use of Hotel 1000's trademark constitutes common law unfair competition. Market Place knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care, should have known that its conduct was likely to mislead the public.

38. Market Place engaged in the actions described above with the design and purpose of causing injury to Hotel 1000's business through improper means.

39. As a direct and proximate result of such unlawful actions, Hotel 1000's business has been, and continues to be, disrupted, and Hotel 1000 has suffered, and continues to suffer, damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

40. As a direct and proximate result of Market Place's conduct in violation of the common law, Market Place has been unjustly enriched in an amount to be proven at trial.

41. Hotel 1000 is entitled to damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

42. Hotel 1000 has no adequate remedy at law to redress the damage that Market Place's wrongful acts will continue to cause. Therefore, it is entitled to an injunction enjoining Market Place's use of its trademark as well as confusingly similar trademarks.

RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, Hotel 1000, LLC, requests relief as follows:

1. For injunctive relief enjoining Market Place and its agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with any of them who receives actual notice of this injunction, from continuing to: (a) purchase Hotel 1000's HOTEL 1000 trademark or confusingly similar trademarks as a search engine keywords, including but not

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1 limited to in connection with "Sponsored Results" or other advertisements that contain Hotel
2 1000's trademark with hyperlink(s) to Inn at the Market's website; (b) infringe Hotel 1000's
3 trademark rights; or (c) engage in false and misleading advertising in a manner that infringes
4 Hotel 1000's rights.

5 2. For an award of damages suffered by Hotel 1000, plus any profits earned by
6 Market Place as a result of its trademark infringement, unfair competition, and false advertising,
7 and unfair and deceptive acts or practices in an amount to be proven at trial.

8 3. For an award of exemplary damages under 15 U.S.C. § 1117 and RCW 19.86.060.

9 4. For an award of attorney's fees and costs.

10 5. For such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

11 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

12 Hotel 1000 respectfully requests a trial by jury of all issues triable by a jury.

13 DATED this 20th day of April, 2010.

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Reg. No. 3,231,570
Registered Apr. 17, 2007

**SERVICE MARK
PRINCIPAL REGISTER**

HOTEL 1000

1000 FIRST AVE. PROPERTIES LLC (WASHINGTON LTD LIAB CO)
14410 BEL-RED ROAD
BELLEVUE, WA 98007

FOR: HOTEL SERVICES FOR PREFERRED CUSTOMERS; HOTEL, BAR AND RESTAURANT SERVICES; HOTELS; PROVIDING BANQUET AND SOCIAL FUNCTION FACILITIES FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS; PROVIDING CONFERENCE ROOMS; PROVIDING TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION; PROVISION OF CONFERENCE FACILITIES; PROVISION OF CONFERENCE, EXHIBITION AND MEETING FACILITIES; RENTAL OF ROOMS, IN CLASS 43 (U.S. CLS. 100 AND 101).

FIRST USE 6-26-2006; IN COMMERCE 6-26-2006.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHARACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR FONT, STYLE, SIZE, OR COLOR.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "HOTEL", APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

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TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT

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RECEIVING PARTY DATA			
Name:	Hotel 1000 LLC		
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City:	Seattle		
State/Country:	WASHINGTON		
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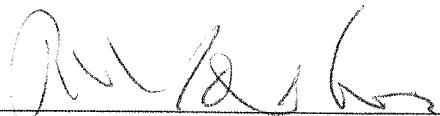
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WHEREAS, 1000 First Ave. Properties, LLC ("Assignor"), a Washington limited liability company with its address at 14410 Bel-Red Road, Bellevue, Washington 98007, has adopted, used, is using, and has common law rights in, the mark that is the subject of this assignment, and is the owner of U.S. Registration No. 3,231,570 set forth in Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, Hotel 1000 LLC ("Assignee"), a Delaware limited liability company with its address at 1000 First Avenue, Seattle Washington 98104, is desirous of acquiring said mark and registration, together with its common law rights and the goodwill associated therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignor does hereby assign nunc pro tunc unto Assignee, all rights, title and interest in and to the mark and the registration effective April 11, 2008, together with that portion of its business relating to the mark and the goodwill appurtenant thereto.

First Ave. Properties, LLC

By: 

Peter deLeuw
President of 1000 First Ave. Inc., Managing Member

Dated: April 16, 2010

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